



## Spend Your Day Discovering Lake Tahoe

### On the Lake...

water sports: paddle boarding, sailing, boating, and kayaking. Take a cruise on the lake or go fishing.

### At the Beach...

sunbathing, picnicking, swimming. Many beaches are easily reached by scenic bike trails.

### On a Hike...

on a self-guided nature trail, the Tahoe Rim Trail or in the backcountry.

### In a Tent...

in a campground or in the backcountry. Spectacular vistas from majestic mountain peaks.

### In an OHV...

there are many opportunities to enjoy off highway vehicles: Dirt bikes, quads, and 4x4s in summer and snowmobiles in winter.

### On a Bike...

there are miles of dirt trails and paved paths.

### In the Snow...

Don't forget the winter: cross country, backcountry, & downhill skiing, snowboarding & snowshoeing. Join "Ski with a Ranger." programs.

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# TAYLOR CREEK VISITOR CENTER

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## Taylor Creek Connections



Osprey can often be seen fishing over Taylor Creek. Look for “M” shaped wings.

Taylor Creek has something for everyone. Connect with a naturalist to get answers to your questions or learn new things. Get your maps, books, wilderness permits, National Recreation Pass. Take a casual walk along any of the four self-guided trails. Spot a butterfly, dragonfly, bird on the fly, or other Watchable Wildlife. Enjoy the beach. Watch the sunset. Attend an evening program (schedules on page 4).

### Make the Rainbow Connection

Named for the rainbows that sparkle in the morning dew, the Rainbow Trail is a special place. It loops through one of the largest meadow/marsh at Lake Tahoe. On the trail, you will discover how the meadow, marsh, and stream are connected to lake clarity. Make an underwater connection with Taylor Creek in the Stream Profile Chamber.

Forest Service naturalists lead [Rainbow Walks](#), Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays at 10:30 am

[A Night Walk](#) to discover Taylor Creek’s nightlife happens on Tuesdays at 8 pm



Chipmunks have stripes on their heads. Golden mantled ground squirrels do not. Both can be found scurrying around the area.

### Mammals, trees, birds, rocks, bugs and more

A different action-filled project each week teaches kids 6 to 12 years old, how the parts of nature are connected as they earn their [Jr. Forest Ranger](#) badges. Wednesdays at 10 am

### Wonders of Taylor Creek

Caddisflies, tadpoles, water boatmen, small fish, big fish, frogs, squiggly worms, water plants, and maybe even a small snake. Kids 6 to 12 years old can connect with these creatures and more. Bring sturdy water shoes.

[Kids in the Creek](#) Thursdays at 10 am

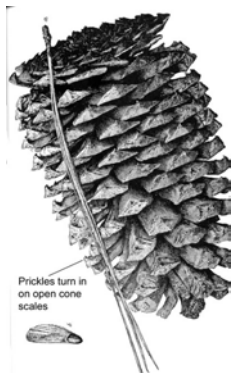


Have you ever connected with a bear? SMOKEY BEAR that is. Follow Smokey’s Trail to learn about campfire safety and find a “photo op” with Smokey. Watch for Smokey, as he “sniffs” around the Visitor Center from time to time. Shake his paw and learn more about wildfire prevention.



### In the foot steps of those who have gone before.

The Lake of the Sky Trail leads to the edge of the lake. Along the way you will find the observations of those who visited Tahoe years before. Do people still feel this way today?



Jeffrey pine lives on the Forest Tree Trail. Learn its story.

### How to Connect with the Visitor Center

(530) 543-2674

Hwy 89, three miles North of South Lake Tahoe/six miles South of Emerald Bay

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 38.9356 Longitude : -120.0530

**Weekends:** May 25<sup>th</sup> - June 9<sup>th</sup> 8 am to 4:30 pm

**Open Daily:** June 15<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 8 am to 4:30 pm

**Weekends:** Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 8 am to 4:30 pm

\*Stream Profile Chamber closes 30 minutes before Visitor Center.

Steller’s Jay can be seen and heard almost everywhere at Taylor Creek.





## Time at Tallac

### Take Time to Learn Something New About Something Old



The Baldwin Museum is the place to start

Weekends:	May 25 <sup>th</sup> & June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12 pm to 4 pm
Thursday-Sunday	June 6 <sup>th</sup> ~ June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12 pm to 4 pm
Open Daily:	June 24 <sup>th</sup> ~ Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10 am to 4 pm
Thursday-Sunday	Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> ~ Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	12 pm to 4 pm

### A Time to Serve

The families brought many servants with them for their summers at the lake: maids, a butler, a nanny, a tutor, cooks, gardeners, a blacksmith, a seamstress, and others.

Learn their stories on the SERVANT'S TOUR

Weekends 3 pm  
Wed.. at 11 am & 2:30 pm  
June 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>  
\$5.00\*



### Relaxation Time

The Pope Arboretum was started in 1902. It is a great place for rest and reflection.

### Time to Help

Volunteer at the Tallac and take part in the historic preservation and interpretation of the Tallac Historic Site.

For details e-mail Jackie Dumin at [jdumin@fs.fed.us](mailto:jdumin@fs.fed.us).



### Step Out of Your Time and Into the Past



The Pope House is the perfect place to see how the rich and famous lived while at the Lake Tahoe from the separate kitchen to the elegantly restored formal dining room.

Pope House Tours: Adult \$8* Child \$3*		
Weekends:	May 25 <sup>th</sup> & June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 pm & 2:30 pm
Thursday-Sunday:	June 6 <sup>th</sup> ~ June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1 pm & 2:30 pm
Daily: (except Wed.)	June 24 <sup>th</sup> - Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11 am 1 & 2:30 pm

*\*Suggested Donations to Tahoe Heritage Foundation to further Tallac site programs and restorations. Thank you.*

### Time to Cook

If grandma wanted a cookie she had to start from scratch. Come learn how she did it as you make and bake 1920's style.

Kitchen Kids Wed. & Friday  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm  
\$10.00\*



### Good Times At Valhalla

The Heller Estate is part of the Tallac Historic Site under special use permit to the Tahoe Tallac Association. For information call 530-541-4975



### Time to Find Tallac

(530) 541-5227

### Directions:

Hwy 89, 2.5 miles Northwest of South Lake Tahoe  
6.5 miles Southeast of Emerald Bay

GPS Coordinates: Latitude : 38.9378 Longitude : -120.0471

**Time to be Modern** Cell phone tours available ask at the museum.



# SOMETHING SPECIAL

You are invited to...

## Sit under the stars and discover



### Lake of the Sky Amphitheater

Taylor Creek Visitor Center  
South Lake Tahoe

#### Wild Things

Enjoy an educational and exciting look  
at Sierra Nevada animals LIVE on stage.

July 5th 7:00 pm  
Aug. 16th 7:00 pm

#### Snowshoe Thompson

Steve Hale portrays a local legend  
of Tahoe's early days.

July 12th 7:00 pm

#### Winged Flight at Night

Bats are valuable members of nature.

Corky Quirk will have live bats.

July 19th 8:30 pm  
Aug. 9th 8:00 pm

#### Fly Fishing in the Lake Tahoe Basin

Fly tying demonstration followed by  
"best places to fish in Tahoe" with  
experts David Long and Victor Babbitt.

July 26th 6:30 pm

#### An Evening with Mark Twain

MacAvoy Layne brings this famous American  
to life as he tells you of his times at Tahoe.

Aug 23rd 7:00 pm

#### Geology Rocks!

What was, is, and will be, geologically  
speaking in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Scott Valentine  
Aug 30th 8:00 pm

#### Stargazing on the Beach

Join Astronomer Rich Combs to enjoy  
the wonders of the Tahoe night sky.

Aug 2nd 8:00 pm  
Tallac Point/Kiva Beach

*\*Suggested donation to the Tahoe Heritage Foundation  
\$5.00 for all programs. Thank you.*

## Join the "families" of the Tallac Estates for...

### An Afternoon With Anita

Meet "Anita Baldwin" for some light refreshments while she tells you  
stories of the Tallac Casino and Resort, and her life.

June 26th, July 17th and August 14th 1:00 pm  
\*\$7.50



### Tea with Tevis

Join Mrs. Tevis on the porch of the TevisPope estate  
to hear about her life, the estate, and explore  
her arboretum while enjoying light refreshments.

Outdoor program, quiet pets are welcome.

June 10th, July 10th, and Aug. 21st 1:00 pm  
\*\$7.50 Per Person

### Vintage Vatican

Step back in time as you tour  
the Pope House with Mrs. Pope.

Enjoy the view, sip the bubbly,  
and sample appetizers.

June 29th, July 20th, and Aug. 31st  
4:00 pm \*\$12.50



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programs and restorations. Thank you.*

## Spend a day in the Roaring '20s



28th Great Gatsby Festival  
August 10th and 11th, 2013

Come learn our stories and that of our  
feathered and furry friends.

## Wild Tahoe Weekend

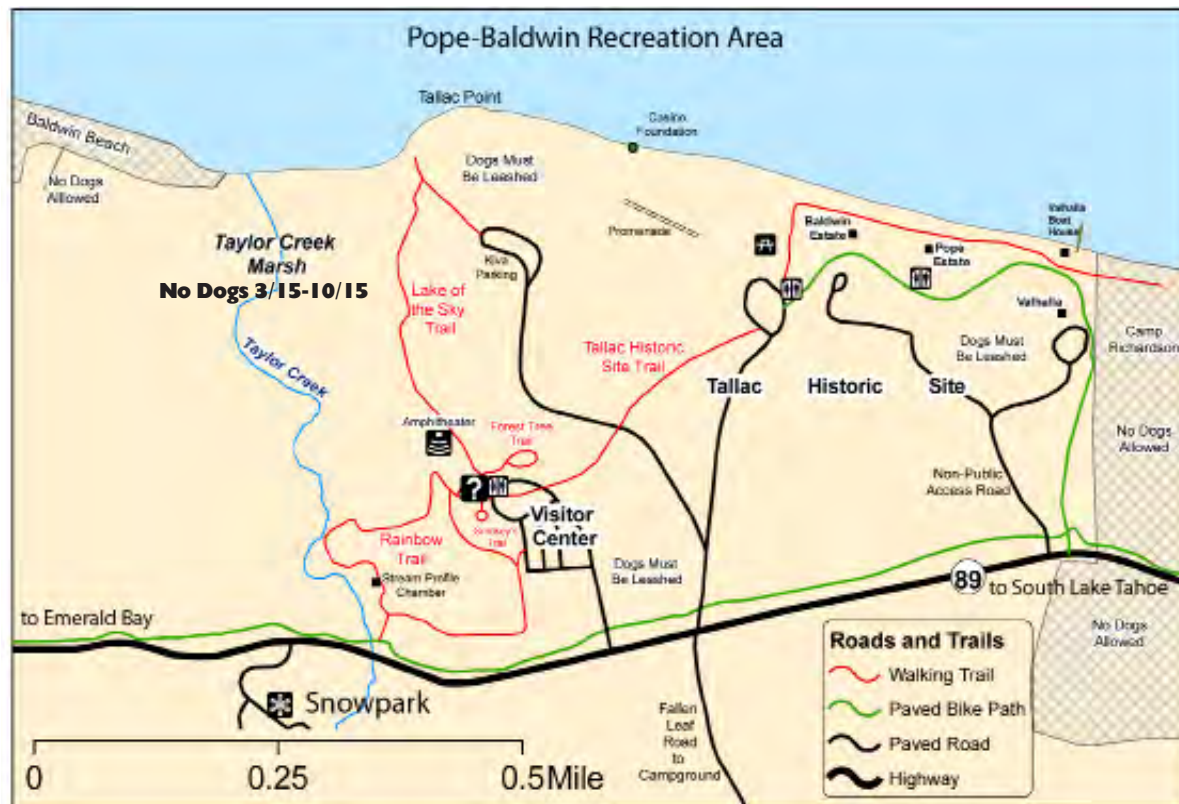
June 8th and 9th



October 5th and 6th  
Taylor Creek Visitor Center  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

## A Little Help

### TALLAC HISTORIC SITE & TAYLOR CREEK VISITOR CENTER



Lake Tahoe Basin  
Management Unit  
Supervisor's Office  
35 College Dr  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150  
(530) 543-2600  
(530) 543-0956 TTY

North Shore Office  
855 Alder Ave  
Incline Village, NV 89542  
(775) 831-0914

Pacific Ranger District  
Eldorado National Forest  
7887 Highway 50  
Pollock Pines, CA 95726  
(530) 647-5415

Truckee Ranger District  
Tahoe National Forest  
10811 Stockrest Springs Road  
Truckee, CA 96161  
(530) 587-3558

Carson Ranger District  
Humboldt-Toiyabe  
National Forest  
1536 South Carson St  
Carson City, NV 89701  
(775) 882-2766

#### HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS

**Ehrman Mansion**  
West Shore  
(tours \$5 adult/ \$3 child)  
(530) 525-7232

**Gatekeeper's Museum**  
West Shore  
(\$5 adult/\$4 senior)  
(530) 583-1762

**U.C. Davis Erikson Education Center**  
Tahoe City  
(775) 881-7562

**Lake Tahoe Historical Society  
Museum**  
South Shore  
(free)  
(530) 541-5458

**Tahoe Maritime Museum**  
West Shore  
(\$5.00)  
(530) 525-9253

**Thunderbird Lodge**  
East Shore  
(tours \$39 adult, \$19 child,  
reservations required)  
(800) 468-2463

**Vikingsholm Castle**  
West Shore  
(tours \$5 adult/ \$3 child)  
(530) 525-3345

**Watson Cabin**  
North Shore  
(\$3 adult/ \$1 child/\$2 senior)  
(530) 583-8717

#### Helpful Links

LTBMU [www.fs.usda.gov/ltbmu](http://www.fs.usda.gov/ltbmu)  
Tahoe Heritage Foundation [www.tahoeheritage.org](http://www.tahoeheritage.org)  
Tahoe Rim Trail [www.tahoerimtrail.org](http://www.tahoerimtrail.org)  
Tahoe Tallac Association [www.valhallatahove.com](http://www.valhallatahove.com)  
Tahoe Visitor Authority [www.ltva.org](http://www.ltva.org)

#### BUS TRANSPORTATION

##### Blue Go

South Shore  
(530) 541-7149 [www.bluego.org](http://www.bluego.org)  
\$5.00/ Day Pass

##### Blue Go's Nifty 50 Trolley

Scenic connection between North and South, along the  
West Shore. From South Lake Tahoe "Y" to Tahoma.  
\$5.00/Day Pass (Blue Go Pass)

##### Tahoe Area Regional Transit (TART)

West Shore- North Shore  
(530) 550-1212 OR (800) 736-6365  
\$3.50/ Day Pass

Bus services to area airports available.

#### ROAD INFORMATION

**Nevada:** NDOT [www.nevadadot.com](http://www.nevadadot.com)  
(877) 687-6237

**California:** CALTRANS [www.dot.ca.gov](http://www.dot.ca.gov)  
(800) 427-7623

**Emergencies:** Police, Fire, Sheriff, Medical  
Dial 911

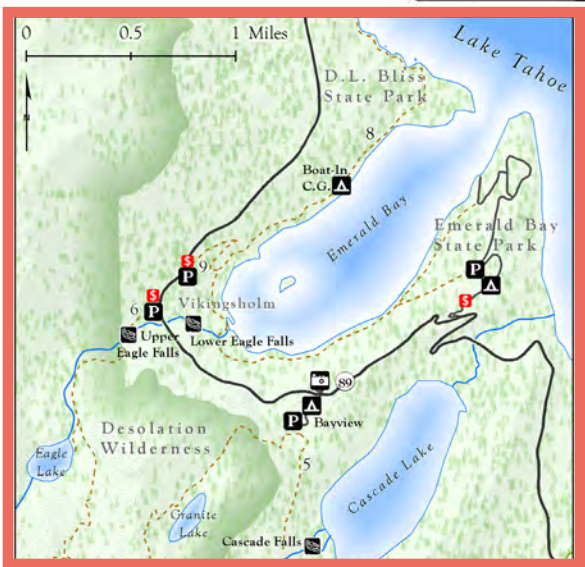


# LAKE TAHOE BASIN MAPS



NORTH & EAST SHORE HIKING TRAILS	DIFFICULTY	ELEVATION	ROUNDTRIP MILEAGE	TRAILHEAD
12. Tahoe Meadows Trail**	Moderate	Flat -8705'	2 mi	Tahoe Mdws Parking Lot
Alpine Meadow . Views of Carson Valley				
13. Mt. Rose Summit**	Strenuous	8700' / 10,778'	12 mi	Mt. Rose Trailhead
Alpine Meadow . Views of Lake Tahoe, Carson Valley, Mt. Shasta and Mt. Lassen				
14. Chimney Beach	Moderate	150 ft gain	1.2 mi	Chimney Beach Trailhead
Granite Boulders . Views of Lake Tahoe . Beaches				
15. Brockway Summit to Martis Peak**	Moderate	6950' / 8960'	10 mi	TRT Trailhead Hwy 267
Views of Lake Tahoe . Panoramic Views . Sub-Alpine Forests				
16. Secret Cove	Moderate	6423' / 6223'	.5 mi	Secret Harbor Parking Lot
Granite Boulders . Views of Lake Tahoe, Mt. Tallac & West Shore				
17. Marlette Lake**	Moderate	1200 ft gain	10 mi	Spooner Lake State Park
Alpine Lakes . Aspen Forest . Wildlife Viewing				
18. Spooner Lake	Easy	Flat	2 mi	Spooner Lake State Park
Alpine Lakes . Wildlife Viewing . Picnic Areas . Wildflower Meadows . Aspen Groves				
19. Stateline Lookout	Easy	7017'	1 mi	Lakeshore Ave USFS Gate
Views of Lake Tahoe . Granite Patio and Benches				
20. Prey Meadows - Skunk Harbor	Moderate	6200' / 6800'	3 mi	Skunk Harbor Trailhead
Mixed Conifer Forest . Wildflower Meadow . Wildlife Viewing . Views of Lake Tahoe				
21. TRT - North from Spooner Lake**	Moderate		10 mi	Spooner Summit North
Views of the Carson Valley . Mixed Conifer Forest . Glimpses of Lake Tahoe				
22. TRT - South to Genoa Peak**	Moderate	7000' / 9150'	8 mi	Spooner Summit Rest Area
Views of the Carson Valley . Aspen Groves . Glimpses of Lake Tahoe				

\* Desolation Wilderness permit required    \*\* Part of the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) system.



Higher quality maps and guide books are available at Taylor Creek Visitor Center.

SOUTH & WEST SHORE HIKING TRAILS	DIFFICULTY	ELEVATION	ROUNDTRIP MILEAGE	TRAILHEAD
1. Grass Lake*	Moderate	6560' / 7240'	4 mi	Glen Alpine Trailhead
Alpine Lakes . Waterfalls . Granite Peaks				
2. Lake Aloha*	Moderate	7420' / 8430'	12 mi	Echo Lakes Trailhead
Alpine Lakes . Granite Peaks				
3. & 4. Mt. Tallac Summit	Strenuous	6560' / 9735'	12 mi	Glen Alpine Trailhead
Alpine Lakes . Waterfalls . Granite Peaks . Views of Lake Tahoe				
3. via Glen Alpine Trail*	Strenuous	6480' / 9735'	10 mi	Mt. Tallac Trailhead
Alpine Lakes . Waterfalls . Granite Peaks . Views of Lake Tahoe				
4. via Mt. Tallac Trail*	Moderate	6800' / 6910'	1.5 mi	Bayview Trailhead
Waterfall . Views of Cascade Lake				
5. Cascade Falls	Moderate	6600' / 7000'	2 mi	Eagle Falls Trailhead
Waterfalls . Alpine Lake . Views of Emerald Bay & Lake Tahoe				
6. Eagle Falls to Eagle Lake*	Moderate	6240' / 8880'	9 mi	Meeks Bay Trailhead
Alpine Lakes . Granite Peaks				
7. Lake Genevieve*	Moderate	6230' / 6580'	6 mi	D.L. Bliss State Park
Lighthouse . Views of Lake Tahoe & East Shore				
8. Rubicon Point Trail	Moderate	6230' / 6630'	2 mi	Vikingsholm Parking Lot
Historic Estates . Waterfall . Views of Emerald Bay & Lake Tahoe				
9. Vikingsholm Trail	Strenuous	6800' / 7650'	2 mi	Bayview Trailhead
Alpine Lake . Views of Emerald Bay & Lake Tahoe				
10. Granite Lake	Easy	Flat	2 mi	Lam Watah Trailhead
Grinding rocks . Wildflower Meadow . Wildlife Viewing . Views of Lake Tahoe, Mt. Tallac, West & North Shores				

\* Desolation Wilderness Day Use permit required. Available at trailhead.



# LAKE TAHOE BASIN CAMPGROUNDS

CAMPGROUND	Number of Sites	Dump Station	Group Site	RV/Trailer Hook Up	Swimming	Showers	Toilets	Potable Water	Fees	Max RV Length	Information	Reservations	Additional Information
SOUTH SHORE													
1) Bayview (USFS)	13						X	X	\$15	20'	(530) 544 - 5994	No Reservations	Senior and Access Pass Holders Receive 50% Discount
2) Campground By The Lake (City)	170	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$29 - \$40	42'	(530) 542 - 6096	(530) 542 - 6096	
3) Camp Richardson (USFS)	332	X		X	X	X	X	X	\$35 - \$45	35'	(530) 541 - 1801	(800) 541 - 1801	
4) Eagle Point (CA St Pk)	***Closed for the Summer of 2013***												
5) Fallen Leaf (USFS)	196				X	X	X	X	\$30+	40'	(530) 544 - 0426	(877) 444 - 6777	Senior and Access Pass Holders Receive 50% Discounts
6) Luther Pass (USFS)	13						X		FREE	NA	(530) 543 - 2694	No Reservations	A California Campfire Permit is Required.
7) KOA (Private)	60	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$45 - \$82	40'	(800) 562 - 3477	(800) 562 - 3477	Lodging Available: Visit <a href="http://www.laketahoekoa.com">www.laketahoekoa.com</a>
8) Tahoe Valley (Private)	413	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$32 - \$72	60'	(530) 541 - 2222	(877) 717 - 8737	Year Round Availability
WEST SHORE													
9) Blackwood (USFS)	6						X		FREE	NA	(530) 543 - 2694	No Reservations	A California Campfire Permit is Required.
10) D.L. Bliss (CA St Pk)	168	X	X		X	X	X	X	\$35 - \$45	18'	(530) 525 - 7277	(800) 444 - 7275	
11) Kaspian (USFS)	9				X		X	X	\$17		(530) 583 - 3642	(877) 444 - 6777	Senior and Access Pass holders receive a 50% Discount
12) Meeks Bay (USFS)	40				X		X	X	\$25	20'	(530) 583 - 3642	(877) 444 - 6777	Senior and Access Pass holders receive a 50% Discount
13) Meeks Bay Resort (USFS)	36	X		X	X	X	X	X	\$25 - \$45	60'	(530) 525 - 6946	(877) 326 - 3357	Marina: Boat Rentals and Boat Launch Available
14) Sugar Pine Point (CA St Pk)	175	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$35	32'	(530) 525 - 7982	(800) 444 - 7275	Year Round Availability
15) William Kent (USFS)	95	X			X		X	X	\$25	40'	(530) 583 - 3642	(800) 444 - 6777	Senior and Access Pass Holders a Receive 50% Discount
NORTH SHORE													
16) Lake Forest (City)	20				X		X	X	\$20	20'	(530) 583 - 3440	No Reservations	
17) Watson Campground (USFS)	6								FREE	NA	(530) 543 - 2694	No Reservations	A California Campfire Permit is Required.
18) Tahoe State Rec Area (CA St Pk)	38				X	X	X	X	\$35	21'	(530) 583 - 3074	(800) 444 - 7275	
EAST SHORE													
19) Nevada Beach (USFS)	52				X		X	X	\$30 - \$34	45'	(775) 588 - 5562	(877) 444 - 6777	Senior and Access Pass Holders Receive 50% Discounts
20) Zephyr Cove (USFS)	150	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$29 - \$69	40'	(775) 589 - 4907	(775) 589 - 4907	Year Round Availability
*** Check with Campground for pet restrictions. *** All fees subject to change.								USFS Reservations: <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a>			Ca State Park Reservations: <a href="http://www.ReserveAmerica.com">www.ReserveAmerica.com</a>		

## National Recreation Passes



Annual Pass: \$80 available for anyone



Senior Pass: \$10 US citizens 62 or older, lifetime.



Access Pass: No charge permanently disabled (documentation required) citizens, lifetime.

These passes allow entry to federal recreation areas such as National Parks.  
At Lake Tahoe **Senior** and **Access** passes are good for 50% at many Forest Service campgrounds and beaches (see above) and free parking at Eagle Falls picnic area.  
You save money and 95% of the purchase price stays here to help your recreation sites.



## Keep a Clean Campsite

Protect yourself and wildlife.

Throw trash away in bear proof trash cans.

Lock up uood and toiletries in Bear Boxes in campgrounds.

## Be Campfire Safe

Keep campfires small.

Be sure it's out before leaving the site or turning in for the night.



SOAK IT



STIR IT



TEST IT



## Is the Wilderness calling you?

The Lake Tahoe backcountry offers a variety of adventures. From the shore of Lake Tahoe to a quiet mountain pool, whether walking in the woods or hiking up a mountain, you may find yourself in a wildflower meadow or touring the Big Trees. While there you may hear the roar of a waterfall or the gurgle of a stream. Wherever you travel you're sure to enjoy sweeping vistas and moments of solitude.



## BACKCOUNTRY INFORMATION

Summers (530) 543-2674 Winters (530) 543-2694

During the summer, check with the Taylor Creek Visitor Center about current conditions, to obtain permits and maps, and to learn about staying safe and how you can protect your backcountry

### Desolation Wilderness

#### Permits Required

Maximum group size is 12 people.

#### NO CAMPFIRES!

**DAY USE:** FREE and unlimited  
**OVERNIGHT USE:** \$5 per person for 1 night  
\$10 per person for 2 or more nights  
Quota season Memorial Day thru Sept.  
**RESERVATIONS:** [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)  
(877) 444-6777  
(Fee: \$6 per permit)

These fees support the Desolation Wilderness.

### PRACTICE "LEAVE NO TRACE"

- Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
- Camp 200 feet from water & trails.
- Dispose of waste properly. Bury dog and human waste six inches deep.
  - Use camp stoves.
  - Pack it in. Pack it out.
  - Stay on Trails.
- Do not cut across switchbacks.
- Leave what you find (unless it's litter).
  - Respect wildlife (plants too).
  - Be considerate of other visitors.

### BE PREPARED

- Use a water filter and carry plenty of water.
- Bring a map and GPS. Know how to use them.
- Leave travel plans with a responsible party.
  - Know your physical limitations.
  - Weather can change rapidly, pack for all conditions.

#### Tahoe Rim Trail

The Tahoe Rim Trail is a great way to see all of Lake Tahoe. This 170 mile trail circles Lake Tahoe from the highest vistas.

### BE A FOREST SERVICE VOLUNTEER

The "Trees and Trails" program offers many opportunities to help your National Forests. Volunteers are needed, not only in the backcountry, but throughout the Recreation program and beyond.

Conservation Education classes, visitor information, historic preservation, tour guides, trails work, gardening, and winter programs for adults and children are but a few of the possibilities.

Contact: (530)543-2600

Visit our website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/ltbmu>





# STEWARDSHIP

## Everyone can help



Completed Fuels Reduction Project

### South Shore Fuels Reduction

Fire has been a natural part of the environment for thousands of years, reducing plant competition, cleaning dead wood from the forest floor and recycling nutrients into the soil. People removed natural fires from this cycle, allowing trees to grow too close together, and dead wood and pine needles (fuels) to accumulate on the forest floor, creating potential for a dangerous wildfire.

Fuels reduction projects thin trees to improve forest health and reduce wildfire danger. With more space between them, trees have room to grow. The sun, water, and nutrients that trees need to be insect and disease resistant will become more available. More space also lessens the chance of wildfire burning from tree to tree.

Fuels reduction on Forest Service lands improves defensible space by reducing wildfire intensity, giving fire fighters a better chance of protecting homes.

There are fuels reduction projects all around the lake: Carnelian, Spooner, Incline. The South Shore Project is the largest one. Some have been completed with the desired openness, while others still have slash piles drying so they can be burned. On others, there are stacks of trees that will be used as biofuels, lumber or firewood.

**If you see equipment and crews in the areas of operation, please stay away from the equipment and the workers as they do their job.**

### Defensible Space

Do you have defensible space on your own property?

Rake pine needles and dead limbs in your yard, remove pine needles from your roof, trim lower branches of trees and remove dead shrubs, trees or dried grass around your house.

For more information, visit [www.livingwithfire.info/tahoe](http://www.livingwithfire.info/tahoe)

**Stewardship:** the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

The Forest Service has many official partners and volunteers that provide care for and support of a variety of programs and projects. But you, the people that use and enjoy our public lands, are the most important partners. When you share your concerns and knowledge with family, friends, and community, you become a valued steward.

### Generation Green

The youth of today is the hope of the future. The Forest Service and the Great Basin Institute (GBI) fund a program for high school students each summer. These students learn leadership skills, how to be a good employee and the fundamentals of resource protection. Thanks to GBI grants many of these students will continue in natural resource fields of study, returning to be stewards on public lands.

Learn about GBI opportunities: [www.thegreatbasininstitute.org/](http://www.thegreatbasininstitute.org/)

### BMPs

Best Management Practices (BMPs) are methods to help developed properties function more like natural, undisturbed forest and meadowland.

Water that is conveyed to a lake by an undisturbed watershed is usually quite pure, because the watershed's soils and plants act as a natural water purification system.

BMPs mimic natural conditions, preventing sediment and nutrients from entering our surface waters and filtering runoff water through the soil. Implementing BMPs can help slow the loss of lake clarity.

The Forest Service is installing BMPs at many recreation sites. BMPs improve all properties including yours!



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Tahoe waters from  
invasive species.



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Get on the water faster.

☒ CLEAN

☒ DRAIN

☒ DRY



## Things you can do

Forest Service-managed land has always been “A Land of Many Uses”  
With use comes responsibility. Recreate responsibly. Here are some  
tips to help you “Care for the Land” as you enjoy the many  
recreational opportunities at Lake Tahoe and beyond.

### Put Litter in its Place

Many recreation sites do not have trash cans.  
Be sure to “Pack out what you pack in”

#### On the Trail...

Many trails are open to multiple use.  
Hikers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders  
all can **share the trail**.



Ride and walk on hardened surfaces.  
Do not cut switchbacks or create new trails.  
Please be courteous to others.

#### At the Beach...



A special plant called Tahoe Yellow Cress only  
grows on the shores of Lake Tahoe.  
This is a tiny plant, be careful where you step  
or put your blanket.



#### On Off Highway and Over Snow Vehicles...

Free maps will show you all the places you can ride.  
Tread lightly. Please respect closed areas.



#### In a Campground, the Backcountry, a Summer Cabin or a Vacation Rental...

##### BE BEAR AWARE!

Bears lose their lives when they became  
too comfortable around people.

##### PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

Maintain your distance.

Never feed wildlife.

Throw trash away in bear proof trash cans.

Store food and toiletries properly.

#### In a Boat...

### CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY

The lake's fragile ecosystems can be upset when outside species invade and take over.  
Nonnative plants and animals can kill off native species, increase algae growth,  
clog waterways, and damage boats and piers.

Become a Tahoe Keeper.



CLEAN

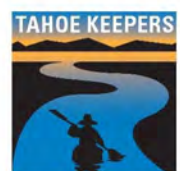


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DRY

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At first glance, managing the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) may seem an easy task. Far smaller than other national forests, we cover only 154,000 acres. So you might be surprised to learn that in 2012, the LTBMU tallied 5.7 million visits, the highest per-acre visitation in the system. How does a tiny forest host millions of visitors, providing them with world-class recreational opportunities? The answer's simple – we have amazing partners!

Let me start with the Tahoe Heritage Foundation (THF). Without THF, you wouldn't be reading this letter right now. Each year, the foundation pays for the printing of the Lake of the Sky Journal, to bring you information that will help you get the most out of your trip to Lake Tahoe.

THF and the Tahoe Tallac Association (TTA) work together with the Forest Service to ensure the Tallac Historic Sites provide the greatest public benefit. THF focuses on restoring the Pope and Baldwin Estates and providing interpretive activities there, while TTA focuses on renovating the Heller Estate, including Valhalla and the Boathouse, as a spectacular setting for cultural events. I invite you to take advantage of their efforts this summer by taking in a concert on the lawn or touring the Pope House with a knowledgeable guide in period costume.

Great Basin Institute has for years helped us staff our Forest Service sites. This summer, they join us as partners in our Generation Green program, which teaches students about the environment and public lands through summer employment.

When you're enjoying a beautiful hike during your visit, it's likely that you'll have the volunteers and staff of the Tahoe Rim Trail Association (TRTA) to thank. TRTA not only builds and maintains the 170-mile "trail like no other," the association offers guided hikes and trains trail ambassadors and mountain bike patrols. Similarly, the Pacific Crest Trail Association works with the Forest Service to maintain that National Scenic Trail where it passes through LTBMU lands. If you enjoy off-roading, thank the North Tahoe Trail Dusters and South Lake Tahoe's Hi-Lo's for their efforts to maintain motorized trails.

While some of our partners are long-established, others are newer, but no less important. The Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association, recently reinvigorated, has joined with the Forest Service to improve and maintain mountain biking opportunities in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Of course, we can't forget our most important partner – you! When you take the time to learn about the forest and the lake, show courtesy on the trail, keep wildfire prevention in mind, or practice leave no trace principles when camping and hiking, you play a critical role in helping to protect this special place. Many thanks to you and to all of our partners! We couldn't do it without you.

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## TAHOE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The mission of the Tahoe Heritage Foundation (THF) is to preserve and protect the cultural heritage and natural history resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin through restoration, interpretation, and education.

THF was founded in 1996 to enable a public/private partnership with the US Department of Agriculture that manages Forest Service restoration projects and interpretive activities at the Tallac Historic Site and the Visitor Center adjacent to the southern shore of Lake Tahoe.

The Tahoe Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization and is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

THF proudly sponsors the programs and special events at Tallac and Taylor Creek Visitor Center and provides many recreational, educational, and restoration opportunities in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service - Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, including the college internship positions at Taylor Creek Visitor Center.

If these efforts are important to you, we need your help.

Call or go online to join our mailing list and discover the many ways to become involved

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